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MONACHE STAGE BAND ON EAST COAST



HEADIN' HOME is the Monache Stage band that will complete a one-month tour of the nation when members arrive at 2 p.m., next Wednesday, and immediately set up for an official Porterville Bicentennial concert at 8 p.m. on the Memorial auditorium stage. Above photos show the band performing on the steps of the nation's capitol in Washington, D.C.; at the International Kiwanis convention in Atlanta, Georgia; and at Kennedy plaza in Philadelphia. During the tour the band played at least one show a day and band members had an opportunity to visit many of the nation's important cities and historical sites.

(Jon Morgan photos)

FINANCE & THRIFT OBSERVING 50TH ANNIVERSARY THIS WEEK

PORTERVILLE – It was the year 1925 and America was moving toward the Industrial Revolution with ever growing mass production of automobiles, household appliances and many other goods that were attracting the consumer.

The banks had not yet opened their doors to extend credit to the small borrower and were selective in their loan policies. The big chains such as Montgomery Ward, Sears Roebuck and J.C. Penney were strictly on a cash basis. Credit cards were non-existent and long from being thought of.

The time was right and a group of local business men realized the need of a financial institution to help the wage earner purchase his needs and meet his financial obligations thru a small loan which he could repay in monthly installments, and also be able to offer the small depositor thrift accounts.

This group included: Paul J. Robinson, Alexander B. Baird, Max B. Jamison, Arthur L. Brooks, T.L. Pryor, F.L. Kennedy and E.L. Wycoff, who submitted Articles of Corporation forming the Peoples Finance and Thrift company to the state of California with a capitalization of $50,000.00.

On July 9, 1925 Frank C. Jordan, the secretary of state for the state of California, affixed his seal and on July 10, 1925 Finance and Thrift company began business in what was to grow into the largest independent Industrial Thrift and Loan company in the San

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STAGE BAND CONCERT WEDNESDAY

PORTERVILLE – Themed to "The Spirit of '76", the Monache Stage band will present a Bi-centennial concert Wednesday, July 16, in the Porterville Memorial auditorium at 8 p.m., with the band performing a special two-hour program, "Bicentennial Hit Parade," featuring selections representative of Americas musical history.

This program is currently being presented across the United States on the band's Bicentennial tour, encompassing 21 states and over 7000 miles. The 28-day trip is taking the 26 Monache musicians to such historically important locations

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Junior Rodeo Queen Contest

SPRINGVILLE – Four girls are competing for queen of the Springville Junior rodeo being sponsored by the Springville VFW post, August 23 and 24.

In the contest are: Donna McGregor and Becky James, of Springville; Lisa Ferrell, of Porterville; and Pam Castro, of Visalia. Queen and attendants will be named at a Queen's dance in the Springville Memorial building, August 16.

Junior rodeo competition is for boys and girls between the ages of six and 17 years. The show is scheduled for the Springville rodeo arena the evening of August 23 and the afternoon of August 24.

HALL OF FAME



MANUEL AZEVEDO, for many years a member of the city recreation commission and a "ramrod" in the community youth baseball program, formally acepted a plaque at opening of the current Southern Section Babe Ruth League tournament, now underway in the municipal ball park, signifying his induction, recently, into the National Babe Ruth Hall of Fame.

(Recorder photo)

NEW POSTMASTER



JACK GILLIAM, 53, member of a pioneer Porterville family, became Porterville's new postmaster July 5, succeeding Ken Gosage, who retired several months ago. Gilliam, who became a substitute carrier in 1941, moved up from superintendent of mails. A Navy veteran of World War 11, he returned to the postal service following the war, working as letter carrier, clerk, then assistant postmaster. He graduated from Quincy elementary school and Porterville high school, then attended Porterville college. He and his wife, Alfreda, have three sons: Doug, who resides in Torrence; Steve, of Porterville; and Jeff, a high school student. Gilliam's great grandfather, Robert Alexander Gilliam, came to the southeastern Tulare county area in the 1870s; his grandfather, John A., and his father, Rueben C., were lifelong residents of the community.

(Farm Tribune photo)

Editorial Comment

LET'S GET TO THE REAL PROBLEM

When citizens protest an increase in assessed valuation of their property - as they have been doing vociferously in Tulare county and elsewhere - claiming that the assessor is the culprit responsible for larger tax bills, they are aiming their shots at the wrong party.

Assessment of property is essentially an equalization process designed to provide a base on which public budgets can in part be financed.

The assessor has nothing to do with the amount of money people pay in taxes.

Elected officials have everything to do with how much invidiual tax bills run.

Protest involving constantly increasing taxes should be made directly to elected officials - city councilmen, county supervisors, state legislators, U.S. congressmen and senators, school board members and elected directors of the many districts that now exist as political subdivisions.

In making such a protest individuals should be well aware of the fact that there are many sources of taxation other than property taxes and that there may well be logical adjustments in order, involving the percentages between property taxes and other types of taxes.

But it should be understood that when an individual appears before elected officials protesting high taxes, that indivual should lead off by stating that he demands so-called public benefit programs be cut back or eliminated as a means to reducing public budgets which must be reduced if taxes are to be reduced.

Meanwhile, let's not scream at the assessor.

Let's scream at our elected officials - that is if we really want our taxes cut at the expense of less "free money" financing our own pet public projects.



CHERYL YOST, of Porterville, center, was crowned Miss Rocky Hill Speedway 1975 during Fourth of July races at the Speedway on East Olive. At left, Annette Johnson, Visalia, second princess, and, right, Pam Lane, Visalia, first princess. (Recorder photo)

New Standards For Farm Labor Vechicle Drivers In Effect

SACRAMENTO – New and stricter standards for farm labor vehicle drivers went into effect this week according to Highway Patrol officials.

To get a certificate, an applicant must now possess a class 1 or class 2 driver license; complete an application at any area office of the CHP; pass a written exam based on the vehicle code, the administrative code, farm vehicle regulations, and safe driving practices; pass a driving test in a farm bus or truck; and submit two sets of fingerprints on a card provided by the CHP.

In addition, such drivers must have successfully passed a 10 hour course of classroom and behind-the-wheel instruction with the department of education.

Further information may be had from any office of the CHP.

Present certification runs out on expiration of the holder's driver license and the new standards must then be met by such drivers. New farm labor vehicle drivers must meet the new criteria effective now.

CALIFORNIA IS NO. 1 FARM STATE; TULARE COUNTY RANKS THIRD HIGH

SACRAMENTO – California's vast agricultural industry experienced another prosperous year in 1974 with gross cash receipts of $8.5 billion and farm production of 45.6 million tons.

State Food and Agriculture Director Tim Wallace said California can again lay claim to the title of the nation's No. 1 farm state. Iowa is second.

California's farm income was 18 percent higher than the record high of $7.2 billion set in 1973 and the state's tonnage figure topped 1973's 44.3 million by 1.3 million tons.

"1974 was the biggest year ever," Wallace reported. "Larger plantings, increased production, and higher prices for commodities were responsible for the increased farm income. Although most farm income was up, there was considerable variance, due to record expenses for feed and fertilizer."

The California farm income and production figures, released in the department's annual report, were compiled by the California Crop and Livestock Reporting Service, a cooperative state-federal operation.

Estimated impact on California economy of the state's agricultural industry is now $42.5 billion, which includes the $8.5 billion in farm receipts and such activities as processing, transportation, distribution, and sales involving the 200 crops recognized in California.

Here are highlights of the report:

California ranks No. 1 in the nation in 47 commercial crop and livestock commodities.

California farmers produced 9 percent of the national gross cash receipts from farming in 1974, a production realized from 63,000 farms, or 2 percent of the nation's total.

Combined acreage of principal California crops totaled 8.9 million acres in 1974, up 6 percent from 1973's 8.4 million.

California vegetable growers produced a record 11.7 million tons in 1974, exceeding the previous record of 1973 by 12 percent. Vegetable production came from a record 862,710 acres, 2 percent more than last year, with the production value at $1,453 million, 23 percent over 1973. This was a record high for California.

The crop development of fruit and nut crops ranged from poor to excellent. Individually, many crops set new records. All-time high production was achieved for almonds, nectarines, and plums, and an all time high in bearing acreage was reached for almonds, nectarines, olives, tangerines, and walnuts. Record total crop values were the case for avocados, cherries, dates, lemons, nectarines, oranges, peaches, pears, and plums.

Of California's 100.2 million acres, an estimated 36.1 million are in farmland and in 1974, the average California farm was estimated at 573 acres, valued at $315,000, including buildings. Nationally, the average farm size was 384 acres, valued at $115.000, including buildings.

Here are the crop and livestock commodities in which California leads the nation:

Alfalfa seed, almonds, apricots, artichokes, asparagus, avocados, blackeye beans, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cantaloupes, carrots, cauliflower, celery, cotton, cut flowers, dates, eggs, figs, flower seeds, garlic, grapes, Ladino clover seed, lemons, lettuce, lima beans, miscellaneous melons, nectarines, nursery stock, olives, onions, oriental vegetables, peaches, pears, bell peppers, chili peppers, persimmons, plums, pomegranates, potted plants, prunes, rabbits, strawberries, spinach, safflower, sugar beets, tomatoes, and walnuts.

According to reports issued by the County Agricultural commissioners, the leading agricultural counties in California and their value for 1974 were: Fresno, $967,350,000; Kern, $706,685,575; Tulare, $682,545,000; and Imperial, $557,281,000.

Citizen Help Suggestions Show Danger Of Gypsy Moth Outbreak

SACRAMENTO – A news release was put out recently by the USDA suggesting ways that homeowners in the eastern part of the United States could help fight gypsy moth, a pest with an appetite for almost anything growing.

According to the state department of food and agriculture, gypsy moth has already infested nearly 12 million acres of forest in the east, but has so far not established itself in California. The suggestions for eastern residents to help control the pest point up how serious the problem could be if it were to get loose here:

1. Put a wide band of a sticky substance (Tanglefoot) around tree trunks to trap the caterpillars.

2. Tie burlap or cloth strips around tree trunks--caterpillars cluster under the strips and can be easily destroyed.

3. Hand pick and squash any larvae, caterpillars or pupae found in the trees.

Those suggestions apply only to lightly infested areas however. In heavily infested areas, homeowners can do little to protect their trees and property except to call for community-wide action, which includes spraying of entire towns. Some 24 New Jersey municipalities requested that action this spring.

Tim Wallace, state food and agriculture department director, said that with our state plant quarantine operations, help from the county agricultural commissioners, the cooperation of the public, and a great deal of luck, gypsy moth and other pests such as Japanese beetle and Oriental fruit fly have been kept out of the state. In the increasing incidences where such pests have been detected, federal, state, and county experts were able to move in and eradicate them before they could gain a foothold.

"It is a continuing war," Wallace said "and these pests would be devastating if they got loose in California. Not just to our extensive agricultural industry but to our residential, park, recreation, and forest areas as well."

WHEAT AND GRAIN LOANS AVAILABLE

WASHINGTON – Producer options for obtaining anniversary loans under the 1975 Wheat and Feed Grain programs have been announced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Loans for wheat, oats, barley and rye may be obtained from harvest through March 31, 1976, and loans on corn and grain sorghum from harvest through May 31, 1976. As in the past, the producer has the option of storing his grain under loan either on the farm or in an approved warehouse.

ERDA Awards Edison Solar Power Contract

LOS ANGELES – Southern California Edison company has been awarded a $79,000 contract by the U.S. Energy Research and Development administration (ERDA) to study the future role of solar power plants in conventional electric systems.

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WORLD–CLASS Gymnastic performer is Tom Weeden, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Weeden, of Belmont, both of whom graduated from Porterville high school in 1950. (She is the former Wanda Cunningham.) Tom Weeden is a junior at the University of California, Berkeley, and holds the best all-around gymnastic mark in Cal. history. He is a former Northern California prep champion; U.S. Junior Olympic champion, and a probable member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1976. Weeden, a philosophy major at Cal., has appeared in international competition and last spring travelled to Bulgaria as World Games alternate. During the seven years that he has been in gymnastic competition he has acquired 215 trophies and has worked out a minimum of four hours daily. His grandmother, Mrs. Hugh F. Patterson, is a resident of Porterville, his father, owner of a printing business at Belmont, was employed by The Farm Tribune while attending school in Porterville.

Public Members Named To Three Advisory Boards

SACRAMENTO – Public members have been appointed to three more Marketing Order Advisory boards - the California Milk Producers Advisory board, the California Raisin Advisory board, and the Processing Tomato Advisory board.

Public member for the Milk board is Barbara Erickson, Sacramento, with Esther Day, Berkeley, as alternate. Shirley Smith Bowden of Fresno is the public member on the Raisin board; Karlene Ryan, also of Fresno, is alternate. Elveda Smith-Nury of San Jose is the public member for the Processing Tomato board; an alternate has not yet been appointed.

COUNTY FIRE STATION UNDER CONSTRUCTION

TULARE – County officials broke ground yesterday for a new county fire station to serve the Tulare area at a new site at Foster Drive and Angling Road, southeast of the Tulare Airpark.

The new $193,000 facility is being constructed with revenue sharing funds and will replace a 27-year-old adobe structure located on the Tulare County Hospital grounds.

The 4,165-square-foot new structure will be built by C.W. Forcum, Ivanhoe, and is scheduled for completion next January.

Enforcement Of Off-Highway Vehicle ID Rules Tightened

SACRAMENTO – California Highway Patrol officers will tighten enforcement against improperly identified off-highway vehicles, Commissioner Glen Craig has announced.

"Field reports show more frequent violations now that vacationers are hauling trailbikes, dune buggies, and similar vehicles for off-highway use," he said.

California law provides that unregistered off-highway vehicles must display a special identification device issued by the department of motor vehicles. Exceptions are off-highway vehicles used exclusively on the owner's property and vehicles operated solely in competitive events conducted on closed courses by a recognized sanctioning organization.

The special ID must be displayed when the vehicle is operated or transported on any highway, and during actual off-highway use.

Commissioner Craig said most checks of off-highway vehicle identification will be in conjunction with a stop for another violation but "officers may stop any off-highway vehicle when the identification is not apparent."

Off-highway vehicle transporters with questions concerning identification requirements may contact any California Highway Patrol field office.

Raisin Marketing Order Hearing July 18, Fresno

SACRAMENTO – Proposed amendments to the Marketing Order for California Raisins will be considered at a public hearing in Fresno on Friday, July 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m., in the Tioga Junior High School auditorium, 3232 East Fairmont avenue.

Proposed amendments would provide for maximum producer and processor assessment rates of $10 per ton. Currently, the maximum assessment rates provided for in the Marketing order are $12.50 per ton on producers and $2.50 per ton on processors.

The Marketing order now requires, however, that this $15 total maximum rate shall be reduced to $2.50 per ton on producers and $2.50 per ton on processors beginning with the 1975-76 season unless the current rate is continued by raisin industry reapproval.

State Director of Food and Agriculture Tim Wallace called the hearing based on a request from the California Raisin Advisory board. The board assists the director in the administration of a domestic and international program of advertising, sales promotion for California raisins, and a comprehensive research program.

100th COMMUNITY COLLEGE OPENS

SACRAMENTO – Number of public community colleges in California has now reached 100 with the opening, June 16, of Oxnard college in Ventura county. Oxnard reached the milestone figure slightly ahead of two other colleges, set to open soon. Lake Tahoe Community College district became operational administratively on July 1, while Evergreen Valley college in the San Jose Community College district will begin offering classes in September.

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DAIRY INDUSTRY TOPS STATE FOR VALUE OF PRODUCTION

DAVIS – Milk moved to the top of the list of agricultural commodities in California during 1974 in terms of value of production, according to figures released by C.L. Pelissier, extension dairy scientist for the University of California at Davis.

Cash receipts from marketing milk and cream totaled $894,180,000, a substantial increase from the 1973 total of $692,976,000. Milk used on the farm for home consumption and fed to calves boosted the total value of milk produced to $903,205,000.

In terms of cash receipts, beef production was again in first place, but the value of production dropped to $750,735,000 due primarily to lower beef prices. The difference between cash receipts and value of production reflects mainly the value of beef cattle shipped into the state.

The value of milk produced in California would exceed $2 billion if projected to its retail value The difference between farm and retail value provides an indication of the dairy industry's contribution to the state's economy through processing and distribution in terms of wages, supplies, and equipment utilization.

A modest production increase and significantly higher milk prices were responsible for the record gross dairy income. But dairymen found that production costs outran milk price increases after the high geared economics in milk production took their toll.

Dairy farm numbers in the sate slipped another 6.7 per cent during the year. Of the 3,669 in operation January 1, 1974, only 3,423 remained in operation January 1, 1975.

FOOD PROGRAM

WASHINGTON – The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has allocated an additional $11.3 million to operate the Special Summer Food Service Program for Children this year. This increase raises the total allocation to $70 million for a summer feeding program that provides nourishing meals to needy children through day camps and recreation centers. Last year, the summer program reached 1.8 million needy youngsters.

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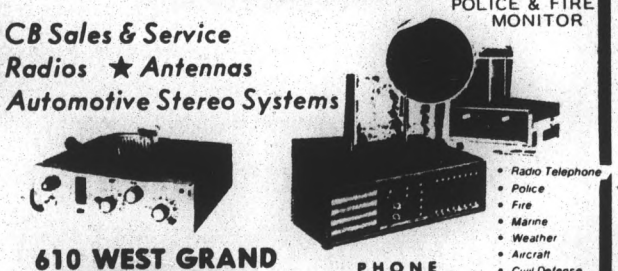
VISALIA – Adrienne Jean Lennon, a 1974 graduate of Monache high school, has entered active duty with the U.S. Air Force. Following six weeks of basic military training at Lackland Air Force base, San Antonio, Texas, she will be assigned to an Air Force base to complete her training in the General field job area.

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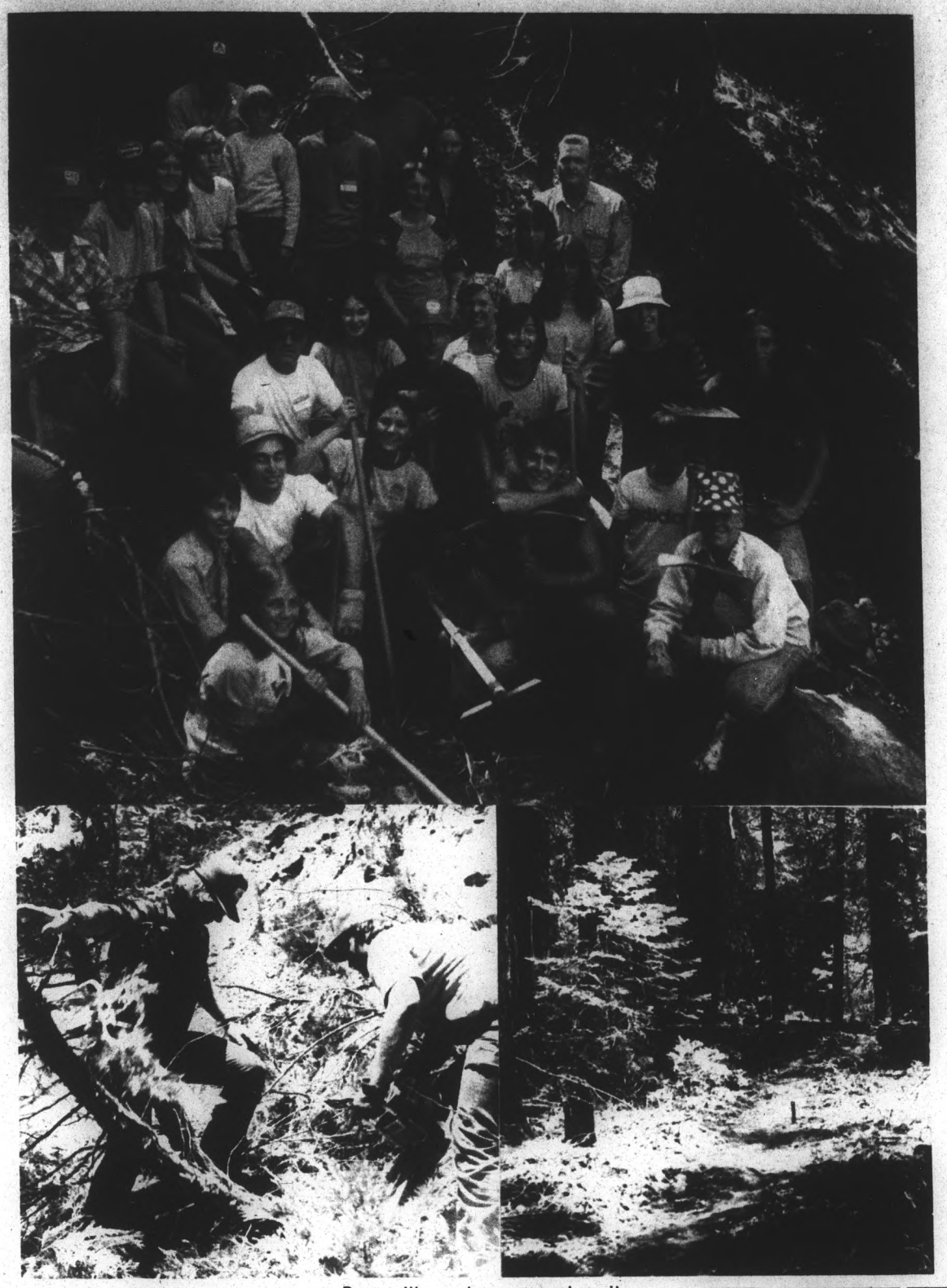
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TULARE COUNTY Hi 4-Hers, 54 in all, gathered at Coy Flats during a recent weekend to construct nearly one mile of new trail to Slate Mountain. At top is part of the crew of youths who performed the task as a public service project. At bottom left, Jon Swall of Oakdale 4-H club, a project co-chairman; and Bob Fallert, Jr., a leader of Porterville and camp and trail advisor; work on part of the task. At bottom right is part of the completed trail.

54 Tulare County Hi 4-Hers Turn Weekend 'Trail Blazers'

CAMP NELSON – A total of 54 Tulare county Hi 4-H members opened 4,000 feet of recreation trail at Coy Flats 1½ miles south of Camp Nelson recently in a week-end long community service project.

After setting up base camp at Coy Flat campground, the youths, under the supervision of three Sequoia National Forest personnel, took a truck to the trail head where they cleared brush, rocks, logs, and felled trees to develop the new stretch of trail.

The three Forest Service personnel of the Tule River Ranger district, Bud Gililland, recreation officer; Jay Miller, resource forester; and Virgil Dunlap, trail construction and maintanance supervisor; noted that the old Slate Mountain trail head was located at the Summer Home tract where access was difficult for the general public.

Gililland said the new trail head is now located by Bear Creek on the county road where directional and informational signs will be installed.

Dunlap noted that the trail gained 400 feet in elevation and Miller, who commended the youths on their good work, said the new trail will provide easy access for fire suppression crews and also serve as a fire break. It is open to foot traffic, but not horses.

The learn while working public service project taught participating youths how to use trail rakes, shovels, pruning shears, pruning saws, chain saws, pry bars and other specialized tools in addition to allowing them to participate in camp out procedures and recreation.

Robert V. Fallert, Jr., 4-H leader of Porterville, who organized the annual project in 1972, served as camp and trail advisor. The project was co-chaired this year by Doug Kramer, Divisadero 4-H club. Visalia, and Jon Swall. Oakdale 4-H club, Visalia.

"Trail Blazers" included Betsy Atkin, and Caroline Bodley, Golden Hills; Mary Lisa Barrett, Keven Dye, Mark Gregg. Gary Lewis, and Robert Ward. Springville; Laura Bruner and Cathy Sims, Outside creek; Cathy Conner, Greg Forrester, Randy Ireton, Patrick Leasure. and Tim Weldon, Urbaneers; Walter Doyel and Bryan Spann, Plano; Frank, Robert and Sharon Goulart, Lori Land, and Kathy Moody, Elbow Creek; Luanne and Suzanne Graves, Joanne Nichols, and Jeff Shelton, Vandalia; Anita Duncan, East Lynne; Charles Hare, John Zaninovich, Marlan and Tim Santry, and Joe Fallert, Pleasant View; Mindy and Missy Hoskins, Lindsay; Dave Imbach, Prairie Center; Kimmie Johnson, Ann and Charlotte LaPresta, Burton; Brian Mitchell, Sundale; Chip Payne, Terra Bella; Jon and Phillip Swall, Oakdale; Susan Brown, Linda and Doug Kramer, Lori Pullen, and Jeff Scharff, of Divisadero 4-H club.

Leaders were Shirley Kirkpatrick, 4-H youth assistant Tulare county farm and home advisors office and her husband John of Exeter, Kick and Clada Hoskins, Lindsay; Barbara Bodley, Springville; Sam LaPresta, Bob Fallert Jr. and Dallas Fallert, all of Porterville.

HIGH COW

VISALIA – A grade Holstein in the Gerrit Anker herd at Visalia topped the Tulare County Dairy Herd Improvement association during May with a production record of 27,909 pounds of milk and 918 pounds of butterfat during a 305-day lactation period.

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Special Show For 'Kids Dogs' Is Scheduled

PORTERVILLE – A Kids Dog show will be held at Muni ball park beginning at 1 p.m. Wednesday July 23, under the sponsorship of the National Parks and recreation association, Ken-L Ration, and Porterville recreation department.

All youngsters from four to 14 may enter their dogs, more than six months of age, in the contest without regard to breed, special training, or pedigree.

Dogs will be judged in seven classes plus a "Best of Show" winner. Classes include best trick dog, smallest dog, largest dog, best looking dog, best costumed dog, funniest dog, and best behaved. Ribbons will be awarded to first through third places in each category with the "Best of Show" dog to be selected from first place winners.

Entry blanks are available at city hall or at the show site up, to 30 minutes prior to show time.

Additional information can be obtained from the city recreation department at city hall or by calling 784-1400 extension 266.



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AAU Regional Junior Olympics Scheduled Locally, July 19th

Top young athletes from all of California and Nevada will gather Saturday, July 19, at Jamison stadium for the AAU Junior Olympic Region XIII championships - to be hosted jointly by Monache high school and Porterville city recreation department.

Monache Assistant Principal Don Kavadas, serving as general chairman of the event, has issued invitations to schools in all five AAU associations covering the two-state area. Kavadas stated that this program of events is especially significant in that first place winners in the 18 scheduled events will receive an all-expense paid trip to Cornell University in Ithaca, New York to compete in the National AAU meet set for August 8 through 11.

The national meet, sponsored by Chevrolet division of General Motors, will feature finalists in diving, gymnastics, trampoline, judo, swimming, synchronized swimming, and wrestling, as well as the track and field finalists that emerge from the field of competitors at the July 19 meet at Jamison stadium.

Track and field events for both boys and girls will be run at Jamison stadium beginning at 3 p.m. with preliminary matches. Finalists from the preliminaries will begin competition at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Preliminaries will include the 220 yard dash for girls only; and girls and boys divisions in the 100 meter low hurdles and 100 yard dash.

Finalist competition in the field events will include high jump, long jump, shot put, and exhibition pole vault and discus events.

Running events will include the 120 yard high hurdles, 100 meter low hurdles, one mile race walk, 880 yard run, 100 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 220 yard dash, one mile run, and an exhibition 440 relay.

Competing athletes must check in at Jamison stadium by 2 p.m. on the day of the meet. Competitors must have a valid 1975 AAU card in their possession and must be at least 14 years of age and no older than 17 by May 1, 1975.

The Chevrolet division of General Motors will be paying all expenses for those athletes going to nationals in New York in the diving, gymnastics, track and field, and trampoline competition; and will be paying meals and lodging for competitors in judo, swimming, synchronized swimming, and wrestling events.

Porterville will be represented in the July 19 meet by three Monache high school athletes: Mike Day, competing in the hurdles and 440; Gary Grayson, hurdles; and Chris Crow, shot put and discus.

'Tiny Tots' Swim Classes Scheduled

PORTERVILLE – The Porterville parks and recreation department is sponsoring a special "Tiny Tots" swim class for boys and girls ages 3 to 5, at Muni swimming pool in Murry Park.

Classes will be one-half hour in length with two sessions daily, Monday through Friday, between 12 noon and 1 p.m. Next session will begin July 14 and continue through August 1, with the final class series set to begin August 4 and end August 22.

Fee for the special classes will be $10 per session with each class enrollment limited to eight.

Pre-registration is open at the recreation department, city hall, or by phoning 784-1400, extension 266.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TULARE
No. 24118

Estate of
MINNIE J. CHAPPEL, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 East Mill Ave., Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated June 26, 1975.

ALAN KARL CHAPPEL
Administrator of the Estate of the above named decedent

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Attorneys for Administrator

First publication: July 3, 1975.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
SUPERIOR COURT
OF CALIFORNIA,
COUNTY OF TULARE
No. 24123

Estate of
LLOYD D. ZIMMERMAN
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the law offices of Hubler, Burford, Moran & Quirk, 141 E. Mill Ave., Porterville, California 93257 which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within four months after the first publication of this notice.

Dated July 3, 1975

FANNIE R. ZIMMERMAN Executor of the Will of the above named decedent

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FIELD CROP ACREAGE UP

SACRAMENTO – Acreage of field crops planted or to be planted by California farmers for harvest in 1975 is estimated at 6.9 million acres, up 3 percent from the 6.7 million acres planted in 1974.

Significant increases in acreage of wheat, barley, and sugarbeets are largely off-set by decreases in acreage of cotton and dry beans.

A corn production forecast will be issued July 10, while production forecasts for sorghum, rice, cotton, sugarbeets, beans, and hay will be released on August 11.

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66 PERCENT OF COTTON ACALA SJ-2

BAKERSFIELD – Tulare County cotton growers planted 66 percent of their cotton acreage to Acala SJ-2 variety, according to a recent variety survey conducted by the USDA's Agricultural Marketing service.

William M. Taylor, acting-in-charge of the Bakersfield Cotton Classing office, reported that four percent was planted to Acala SJ-3, 29 percent was planted to Acala SJ-4 with the remaining one percent planted to Acala 4-42.

This compares to 85 percent planted to Acala SJ-2, 13 percent SJ-3 and two percent Acala 4-42 the previous season.

Growers in Tulare county produced approximately 283,000 bales of cotton last season. The majority of this cotton was classed under the Smith-Doxey act by the Bakersfield and Fresno Cotton Classing offices.

APPOINTMENTS

SHERMAN OAKS – Robert H. Autenrieth, vice president of fresh fruit marketing for Sunkist Growers, Inc. has announced appointments to new high-level management positions in the company's marketing division: Douglas P. Barker was named Sunkist's domestic sales manager, and Laurence Beston was named as assistant to the vice president, fresh fruit marketing.



TOP FISHERMEN were rewarded last week when the major winners of the 5th annual Porterville Lake Success bass derby were announced by the sponsoring Chamber of Commerce. J.R. Case, far right, chairman of the contest and of the Chamber's tourist and transportation committee, presents the trophy for junior prize to Donnie Peoples, 4. Looking on, left to right, are Donnie Wall, last weekly winner; Dick Lansden, second place; Gene Winter, first place; and Brenda Keeney, women's division winner. (Farm Tribune photo)

TOP BASS DERBY FISHERMEN EARN MONEY, OTHER PRIZES

PORTERVILLE – Final winners of the 5th annual Porterville Lake Success Bass Derby were announced last week and prizes awarded by the sponsoring Porterville Chamber of Commerce.

Top winner was Gene Winter of Porterville, who won a couple of weekly prizes earlier in the contest and also took the $200 major prize with a 7¼ pound lunker.

Dick Lansden of Porterville, placed second with the largest limit. His 20¼ pound collection of five fish in one catch earned him $100.

John Cook of Exeter, won third prize of $20 with a 6¼ pound bass, while Brenda Keeney, Porterville, captured a trophy and $15 in the women's division with a 3 ¾ pound fish, and four-year-old Donnie Peoples, Porterville, earned the junior champ trophy and $15 for a 2¾ pound fish.

Gift certificate winners included Donnie Wall, Porterville; John Leaver, Porterville; Clyde Gosser, Porterville; Lori Wright, Porterville; Jeff Green, Porterville; Bill Smith, Hanford; Henry George, Bakersfield; Leon Battles, Pixley; and Bill Parham, Porterville.

Weekly winners in order of wins included J.W. Leaver, John Cook, Leon Battles, Gene Winter, Leon Battles, Gene Winter, Richard Wren, and Donnie Wall.

J.R. Case, chairman of the chamber tourist and transportation committee which sponsors the annual event, said a total of 230 fishermen were involved in the competition.

CALIFORNIA IS TOP COTTON STATE

SACRAMENTO – California led all other states in cotton production in 1974, the first time that California has been the number one state.

Production in 1974 was a record high 2,594,765 bales, 48 percent above 1973 and 34 percent above the previous record production set in 1960.

Cottonseed production at 1,020,000 tons was also a record, 40 percent above the 730,000 tons produced in 1973.

Lint crop in 1974 was valued at $591,760,000 and cottonseed produced was valued at $160,650,000. Comparable lint and seed totals for 1973 were $415,594,000 and $85,410,000 respectively.

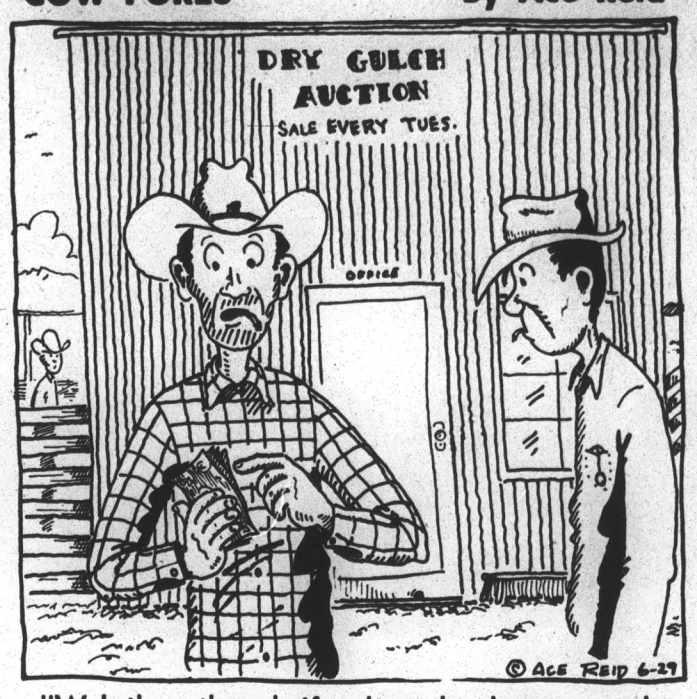
Harvested acreage at 1,238,300 acres was 31 percent higher than the 942,200 acres picked in 1973.

Yield of 1,006 pounds per harvested acre was a 13 percent improvement over the 891 pounds per acre realized in 1972, but still below the yield levels of the early 1960's.

Pipeline Contract

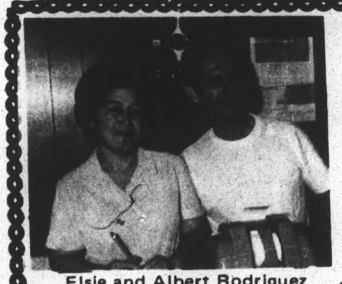
SACRAMENTO – Granite Construction Co. of Watsonville, was the successful bidder for the furnishing and laying of 136 miles of drainage collection pipeline in the Westlands Water district near Mendota as part of the San Luis unit of the state's Central Valley Project. The firm bid $7,915,162 to get the job.

COW POKES By Ace Reid



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REMINISCING ON 50-year history of Finance and Thrift are Paul Robinson, one of the founders of the original People's Finance & Thrift company in Porterville, and Mamie E. Saak, the company's first employee. Finance & Thrift, now with 24 branch offices, is observing its 50th anniversary today. (Edwards Studio photo)

Finance & Thrift

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Joaquin valley with 24 branch offices.

The company's first location was on Mill and Main behind McCourt clothing store, the present sight of Gibralter Savings. F.L. Kennedy became the company's first president and executive officer.

It was one month after opening that a charming young lady was hired as the first employee to be a loan clerk and bookkeeper. That young lady was Mamie E. Saak, who remained with the company until her retirement in 1962. Following retirement however, she continued to take an active part in the Company's operation and has since then served as a member of the board of directors.

During her years as manager of the Porterville office, Mrs. Saak helped thousands of people solve their financial problems by providing them with small loans. Asked "What kind of security borrowers had to offer to obtain a loan during the early days" Mrs. Saak's reply was "Shucks during the depression nobody had anything but an honest face and to me that was the best security". Very few people in those days reneged in paying back their obligations because good credit was something everyone cherished.

Mrs. Saak also recalls that during moratorium of 1932 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt closed the banks it was Finance and Thrift company that supplied many of the local merchants with money so they could continue to operate their business.

In November 1925, a lumber company executive, J. Frank Wright, and a banker, Chester A. Dowell, became directors of the company. Dowell became president of the company, a position which he held until 1947 when he resigned to become chairman of the board of directors, a position he held until his death in 1957.

On October 1, 1926 the first stock dividend was declared and paid to its shareholders and since that time an unbroken string of 193 quarterly dividends have been paid to the shareholders. During the past 15 years an extra year-end dividend has also been declared and paid to the shareholders. The first stock issue was offered at $125.00 per share with a par value of $100.00.

In 1963 the par value was reduced to $10.00 and stock split 10 for 1. At the present time there are 40,000 outstanding shares owned by 215 individuals of which 90% are Porterville residents. The most recent stock was traded for $70.00 per share.

In 1928 the company moved to its present location at the corner of Main and Putnam in the Pioneer Bank building.

Realizing the success experienced in the Porterville office, both Dowell and Mrs. Saak felt that the same service could be offered to people in other communities. They both agreed the greatest need was the working class in rural, farming and agriculture areas. As Mrs. Saak relates we know the common people and we are not orientated to the city slicker".

With this in mind, the expansion program started in 1939 with the opening of the Tulare office, then in 1944 to Visalia. It was at this time the name "Peoples" was dropped and the company officially became Finance and Thrift company.

The Company continued to open more branches and now have 24 offices in cities throughout the San Joaquin valley. Locations are in: Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Delano, Hanford, Oildale, Sanger, Madera, Fresno, Merced, Selma, Reedley, Arvin, Wasco, Clovis, Coalinga, Los Banos, Dinuba, Oakdale, Lindsay, Lamont, Gustine, Shafter, and Firebuagh.

In establishing branch offices, the company was the first loan company in 21 of their 24 locations and are at the present the only loan company in 10 of the present locations.

Joe M. Ridgway replaced Chester Dowell as president in 1947 and remained until his death in 1962. He was replaced by Joe Mosconi who is now president of the company. Mosconi started work for the company in 1949 as manager of the Oildale branch and moved to Porterville in 1960 to assume the position of branch supervisor.

Mrs. Ardath Dobbs became treasurer in 1946 and remained until her retirement in 1970.

Frank Shields, the present controller and secretary-treasurer, joined the company in 1962 and is responsible for installing the most up-to-date processing computer accounting system with the largest capacity in Tulare county.

The present board of directors are: J.A. Mosconi, president; Mamie E. Saak, Frederick Frick, Ray W. Donahue, J. Frank Hallford, Robert A. Matzke and Edward B. Cornell.

COTTON ACREAGE REPORTS DUE WITH ASCS

VISALIA – The importance of accurate and timely reporting of cotton acreage for this season is being emphasized by Gene Bennett, executive director for the USDA'S Tulare county agricultural stabilization and conservation committee.

Bennett noted that acreage determinations affect many phases of ASCS farm programs to include disaster payments, price support loans for cotton, and future year yields.

To avoid any of the program penalties, acreage reports must be filed for cotton by August 1 of this year.

To be eligible for any disaster payments under either the cotton, feed grain, or wheat programs, producers must file an acreage report of the affected acres while the evidence of the disaster is still apparent and before the acreage is put to other use.

Cotton, feed grain or wheat allotment holders should contact the ASCS office in Visalia immediately in case of a disaster involving one of these commodities, to obtain full details of the disaster provisions.

Farms will be visited at random to check the accuracy of reports. Measurement service will be made available for any program the producer may request. More details are available from the ASCS office.

Monache Band

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as Washington, DC, Virginia, Philadelphia, Boston and New York.

Two weeks ago the Monache group played for 9000 people at the International Kiwanis convention in Atlanta, Georgia where Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was guest speaker.

In Washington, DC the band played a concert on the steps of the Capitol building and were presented with the American flag that was flying over the Capitol that day.

They played for a large audience in Independence Square at Philadelphia, and for the lighting ceremony at Mt. Rushmore, South Dakota, where a large crowd enjoyed the music.

The remainder of the tour will bring the band into the western states with a performance scheduled for Sunday, July 13 at Yellowstone park. After final appearances at Idaho and Nevada the young people will arrive home on Wednesday afternoon, July 16.

That same evening they will perform their hometown concert. The two hour program will consist of selected pieces which have been most enthusiastically received by tour audiences.

On the Memorial auditorium program will be: Yankee Doodle, Chester, Camp Town Races, Little Brown Jug, Early In The Morning, Bill Bailey, Another Lazy Day, St. Louis Blues, Charleston, Old Man River, Moonlight Serenade, In the Mood.

Fun Time, Rock Around The Clock, Climb Every Mountain, Make Me Smile, The Way We Were, Top Of The Mountain, Country Roads, Malaga, Night And Day, String Of Pearls, Early Morning, Rainy Days And Monday, and a group of patriotic songs.

Edison Seeks Fuel Adjustment; Cuts Back On Employees

ROSEMEAD – Southern California Edison company officials have announced that the utility firm is filing a request for a "fuel adjustment" with the state public utilities board, which, if approved, will raise customer rates from about 5 to 8 per cent.

In addition, the utility officials announced a cutback of about 600 employes from the firm's 13,000 person payroll by October 1.

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